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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Erin Buchanan, Language Arts Content Specialist
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DATE: November 6, 2009

SUBJECT: PAWS Writing Scoring Workshops

TIME SENSITIVE WORKSHOPS FOR WYOMING EDUCATORS

The Wyoming Department of Education would like to invite one representative educator from each school in Wyoming to attend one of four regional PAWS writing scoring workshops. These individuals can be classroom teachers, language arts specialists, instructional facilitators, principals, or other personnel that are willing and able to share the information from the workshop with colleagues.

The scoring workshops will bring Wyoming educators together to participate in interactive writing scoring sessions designed to communicate information about the skill expectations defined by the PAWS Writing Assessment Descriptions, and provide opportunities to apply and annotate student writing responses using the 2010 PAWS Writing Scoring Guides. After attending a workshop, each participant will be able to lead his or her school or district in the application of the PAWS Writing Scoring Guides, thus facilitating the continued improvement of instruction and assessment in Wyoming.

Please note: Due to the limited capacity of the workshop facilities, we are asking that districts recommend **only one educator** from each school to attend.

Educators interested in attending a workshop **must complete registration online by Friday, November 20, 2009**. To register online, please have educators go to the following Web site:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229UEPUM57D>

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Please refer to the attached flier for additional information and registration details. If you have questions, please contact Erin Buchanan at ebucha@educ.state.wy.us or 777-5506, or Tracy Stibitz at tstibi@educ.state.wy.us or 777-7963.

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Attachment

The Wyoming Department of Education presents
Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS)
Writing Scoring Regional Workshops



The PAWS Writing Scoring Regional Workshops will bring Wyoming educators together to participate in interactive writing scoring sessions designed to communicate information about the skill expectations defined by the PAWS Writing Assessment Descriptions, and provide opportunities to apply and annotate student writing responses using the 2010 PAWS Writing Scoring Guides. After attending a workshop, each participant will be able to lead his or her school or district in the application of the PAWS Writing Scoring Guides, thus facilitating the continued improvement of instruction and assessment in Wyoming.

PAWS Writing Scoring Regional Workshops

Who:

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Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lunch: On your own

Materials Needed:

Each participant must bring a collection of student writing responses written to a teacher-developed prompt. Teachers who attended this year's anchor pulling project in San Antonio will serve as grade-level facilitators to guide participants as they learn how to select and annotate anchor sets for use by their school or district.

How: Registration is online and must be completed by Friday, November 20, 2009. To register, please visit the following site:

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Please Note: Due to the limited capacity of the workshop facilities, we are asking that districts recommend only one educator from each school to attend. Each participant will be required to indicate his or her first and second choice of workshop locations. We will do our best to place each participant at his or her desired workshop location.

If you are having difficulty registering online, please contact Tracy Stibitz at tstibi@educ.state.wy.us or 307-777-7963.

December 8 th Workshop	December 10 th Workshop
Laramie Hilton Garden Inn 2229 E. Grand Avenue (307) 745-5500	Sheridan Holiday Inn 1809 Sugarland Dr. (307) 672-8931
December 15 th Workshop	December 17 th Workshop
Cody Holiday Inn 1701 Sheridan Avenue (307) 213-4412	Lander Best Western – The Inn at Lander 260 Grand View Drive (307) 332-2847

A block of rooms is being held at each location. Contact the hotel above and mention the Wyoming Department of Education's PAWS Writing Scoring Workshop for the state rate.

Please contact Erin Buchanan at 307-777-5506 if you have questions.